

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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The tragic fire that took place this Sunday at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles represents a tremendous physical, historical, and emotional loss for the students, alumni and community that surrounds this iconic school.

As our County Sheriff's Department and County Fire Department assist with an apparent arson investigation, we offer our support beyond the immediate devastating fire repercussions.

As you may know, Garfield students were preparing to take State exams today. My staff has been working with the Principal, Omar del Cueto, to offer up assistance to accommodate students.

We will continue to follow the investigation, and we will offer a reward, as appropriate, to find the arsonist who destroyed decades of history and memories from the many generations of students who have attended Garfield High School.

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Burke	_____
Knabe	_____
Antonovich	_____
Yaroslavsky	_____

I therefore wish to introduce this emergency motion to offer our County resources to assist Garfield High School's staff, students and surrounding community, as well as LAUSD officials.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Make a finding that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for the action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted
2. Create a Red Team of County Departments to assist with expediting the review and permit process as we have done with other capital projects; to ensure that the rebuilding process is as quick and seamless as possible.
3. Provide the Garfield High School staff, students and community with any supportive services needed in order to deal with this loss;
4. Work with School officials to make other County venues available, such as the Music Center, for upcoming academic award ceremonies, historically held in the Garfield High School auditorium;
5. Direct the CAO to work on the pending investigation with Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and recommend a reward if necessary

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